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Founders' Day Features Newspaper Editor

The annual Bryan Birthday and Founders' Day dinner will be held on March 20 at 6:30 P.M. in the college dining room with John N. Popham, managing editor of the *Chattanooga Times*, as the speaker. This banquet, celebrating the dual event of the birthday of William Jennings Bryan and the founding of the college, is held each spring on the week-



Mr. Popham

end nearest March 19, Mr. Bryan's birthday anniversary. Mr. Popham's address, entitled "The Face of the Future," will deal with contemporary world affairs, a subject on which he is widely known as an able speaker.

Music for the occasion will be furnished by the college concert choir under the direction of L. Daryle Worley, chairman of the music department, and by the instrumental ensemble, directed by Dan Treadway, bandmaster at Rhea Central High School and part-time instructor in music at the College. Special guests invited for the occasion include all living founders, trustees, parents of local students, and the families of the late trustees, Dr. F. R. Rogers and Dr. A. M. Morgan, Sr.

In commenting on the selection of the speaker for the occasion, Dr. Mercer said, "A Christian college continually faces the problem of relating itself and its Christian message to the contemporary world. As we celebrate our past, we must also be aware of the world we now live in and consider what the changing world scene portends for the future of the Christian college. I do not know of any speaker who can bring to our attention more articulately the changing world scene than Mr. Popham. His command of the facts of world news

and his penetrating analysis of the rapid changes going on in our world delivered in his native Tidewater Virginia accent make him an unusually effective speaker, even though the insights one gains are not always comforting."

Mr. Popham came to the *Chattanooga Times* in 1958. Prior to that time he served 25 years as a reporter for the *New York Times*, 12 of these as Chief Southern Regional Correspondent, reporting and interpreting all news events in thirteen Southern States. Son of a regular Marine Corps officer, Popham is a colonel in the Marine Corps Reserves and was awarded the Bronze Star Medal with combat "V" for meritorious and heroic action at Tarawa, during World War II.

Bryan Trustee Is Honored

Miss Ruth Huston, Bryan trustee of Hyden, Ky., Winter Park, Fla., and Coatesville, Pa., was honored at an area-wide celebration in Hyden on Sunday afternoon, November 29, 1964, for her years of Christian service. (Continued on page 4)



Miss Huston

Summer Bible Conference Dates Set For July 24-30

The second annual summer Bible conference has been set for July 24-30 with Dr. Frank Torrey, Boca Raton, Fla., formerly of Lancaster, Pa., as the principal speaker. Rev. Sumner Wemp, Bryan alumnus of the class of '45 and director of practical Christian work at Moody Bible Institute, will direct a personal evangelism workshop and Stuart Meissner '56, minister of music at First Baptist Church, Wayne, Mich., will be in charge of the music again as last year.

The 1964 conference, scheduled as an experiment to take advantage of the housing facilities offered in the new air-conditioned dormitories, received an overwhelmingly favorable response. Some eighty guests from outside the local area were housed in the new dormitories, with a total conference registration of 150. Public meetings were held in the lounges and in the Ironside Memorial Library, which are also air-conditioned. Moderate rates attracted family groups, including many alumni.

Because of the large alumni participation last year, this year's conference will open on Saturday evening, July 24, with an alumni dinner. The conference sessions will begin with a Sunday afternoon rally, July 25, with both day and evening services to follow Monday through Friday. Sports events and sightseeing trips will be scheduled for afternoon recreation. An informational folder with final details will be distributed in due time.



Dr. Torrey

Two Founders and Trustees Lost by Death



Dr. F. R. Rogers



Dr. A. M. Morgan, Sr.

Since the last issue of the *NEWSETTE*, Bryan College has lost two valued friends and supporters in the deaths of Dr. F. R. Rogers and Dr. A. M. Morgan, Sr. Both men were members of that group of Rhea County citizens who founded Bryan College in 1930 and both have been members of the Board of Trustees from the beginning.

Most important of all, both Dr. Rogers and Dr. Morgan were believing and practicing Christians, so that their friends may confidently say that they being absent from the body are present with the Lord, awaiting the day of our Saviour's glory. Therefore "we sorrow not as others who have no hope."

Dr. F. R. Rogers was born in Dayton on May 16, 1895. He was a young pharmacist in Robinson's Drug Store, located then on Main Street, at the time of the Scopes Trial. It was in the Rogers' home on South Market Street that Mr. and Mrs. William Jennings Bryan were guests, and it was here that Mr. Bryan died on July 26, 1925. Dr. Rogers was intimately involved in Bryan affairs from those days until the day of his death, November 20, 1964. He had come to the college to attend the Advisory Committee dinner and collapsed in the hall on the way to the dining room. He died in Rhea County Hospital a few hours later.

The *MESSIAH* of December 6, 1964, was sung as a memorial to Dr. Rogers, who was an enthusiastic supporter of the college musical program. Besides the memorial gifts from other sources, all contributions received through the 1964 Gifts-for-the-King Christmas offering were designated Memorial Scholarship Gifts in his honor. The total of these gifts was in excess of \$20,000. For one so closely identified with student life, it was appropriate that the memorial gifts be used to underwrite the scholarship program.

Dr. A. M. Morgan was born July 23, 1893, in an outlying section of Dayton called Morgantown, named for his father's family, who were among the pioneer settlers of Rhea County. His mother was an English woman whose family had joined the English colony at Rugby, Tenn., founded in the 1880's by the English author Thomas Hughes. After his graduation from Vanderbilt University School of Dentistry in 1916, Dr. Morgan opened his practice in Dayton, where he remained throughout his life. His professional services will be remembered by many Bryan students and faculty members.

Besides his frequent presence at the college for special events, Dr. Morgan had served as secretary of the board since 1948, replacing the late E. B. Arnold. In this position, Dr. Morgan signed all official documents of the college involving the authority of the Board of Trustees. Only those who were involved in these numerous transactions can appreciate fully his willing cooperation and kind spirit in carrying out this important function. Both of his daughters-in-law are graduates of Bryan—Katherine Arnold (Mrs. Harold) Morgan in the class of '61 and Doris Voigt (Mrs. Archie) Morgan, class of '62.

In Memoriam

Mrs. Culan V. Biddle, Christian leader and friend of Bryan, died in Knoxville, Tenn., on Dec. 23, 1964, following injuries sustained in an automobile accident in November. She was a woman of unusual versatility and Christian dedication.



Mrs. Biddle

Her roles of Christian service were numerous—musician, Bible teacher, temperance lecturer, civic and cultural leader, and a wife and mother of true devotion. She came into national prominence through her work in the WCTU, in which she held various national offices over many years. The magnitude and variety of expressions—public and private—which her death brought forth were impressive testimony to the high esteem in which Mrs. Biddle was held. The Biblical expression "the elect lady" seems an appropriate phrase to characterize this choice friend, who lived not only long but also well.

Dr. Homer A. Hammontree

Dr. Homer A. Hammontree, of Greenback, Tenn., died on Feb. 2, at Maryville, Tenn. He will be remembered at Bryan for his visits over the years with his colleague, Paul Beckwith. He had been in failing health for some time and had not been active in his musical and evangelistic work since last September. He was eighty. On March 3 a memorial service was held at Moody Memorial Church in Chicago, a city which had been the scene of many of his labors.

Rev. John Hay

Rev. John Hay, father of two Bryan graduates, passed away on Feb. 1 in St. Petersburg, Fla., where he had been living since retirement from active missionary service under the Sudan Interior Mission. Mr. Hay had visited Bryan a number of times. His son, Ian '50, and his daughter, Gwendolyn (Hay) Wyllie '45, have also been members of the S.I.M. family serving in Nigeria. Ian was recently appointed Home Director for North America and arrived in the States with his family from Jos, Nigeria, just in time to attend his father's funeral. Mrs. Wyllie is the wife of the Rev. Albert Wyllie, who is currently director of Christian education at the Carrollton Avenue Presbyterian Church of New Orleans, La.

Two Musical Groups Take Spring Tours



The Concert Choir pictured above will be on tour during spring vacation April 3-11, under the direction of L. Daryle Worley with appointments in Georgia and Florida.

First row (front) left to right: Miriam Meyer, Pikeville, Tenn.; Joyce VanderVeer, St. Petersburg, Fla.; Ginger Broughton, Cleveland, Tenn.; John deRosset, Dayton, Tenn.; Bob Andrews, Saginaw, Mich.; Gene Barchuk, Chicago, Ill.; Anne Childers, North Augusta, S. C.; Sally Llewellyn, Sebring, Fla.; Sandie Oswalt, Knoxville, Tenn.; Donna Clendenen, Knoxville, Tenn.; **Second row:** Ruth Frederick, West Palm Beach, Fla.; Laura Cather, Dayton, Tenn.; Irene Hubert, Denver, Colorado; Faye Smith, Dunedin, Fla.; David Henry, Akron, Ohio; David Johnson, Orlando, Fla.; Karen Orthner, Largo, Fla.; Rosemary Withers, Roanoke, Va.; Dawn Harrison, East Lansing, Mich. **Third row:** Vicki Paulson, Crookston, Minn.; Madge Akins, Asheville, N. C.; Priscilla Greener, Peoria, Ill.; David Llewellyn, Sebring, Fla.; Ted Caudill, Fort Wayne, Ind.; Carey Jackson, Orlando, Fla.; Katie McCroskey, Knoxville, Tenn.; Jeannie Sevens, Chattanooga, Tenn.; Pat Gariss, Wellington, Ohio. **Fourth row:** Ruth Ross, Dayton, Tenn.; Barbara Shedd, Dayton, Tenn.; John Stone, Hazard, Ky.; Russell Porcella, Miami Springs, Fla.; Phillip Ashworth, Kettering, Ohio; Roy Grote, Horsham, Pa.; Ted Hayes, Bellevue, Fla.; Wayne Brooks, Richmond, Va.; Bob Johansen, Richmond, Va.; Glynne Ellen Crumley, Royal Oak, Mich.; Kathleen Chou, Taiwan, China.

College Choir Itinerary

- Saturday, April 3—7:45 p.m.
Atlanta Youth for Christ
Atlanta, Georgia
- Sunday, April 4—11:00 a.m.
Capitol View Presbyterian Church
Atlanta, Georgia
- Sunday, April 4—7:00 p.m.
High Point Baptist Church
Macon, Georgia
- Monday, April 5—10:00 a.m.
Brewton-Parker College
Mt. Vernon, Georgia
- Monday, April 5—8:00 p.m.
Sycamore Baptist Church
Sycamore, Ga.
- Tuesday, April 6—7:45 p.m.
First Baptist Church, Bellevue, Florida
- Wednesday, April 7—7:30 p.m.
Faith Baptist Church
Orlando, Florida
- Thursday, April 8—2:45 p.m.
Bartow Senior High School
Bartow, Florida
- Thursday, April 8—8:00 p.m.
First Baptist Church
Bartow, Florida



Shown above is the Gospel Messenger team which will be on tour during spring vacation, April 3-11. Standing, left to right, are Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ashworth, Dayton, Tennessee; Sue Cockrell, Vestal, N. Y.; and Dan Amsler, Warren, Ohio. Vicki Paulson, seated, is from Crookston, Minn.

- Friday, April 9—7:30 p.m.
Christian and Missi. Alli. Church
Fort Myers, Florida
- Saturday, April 10—7:30 p.m.
Miami Youth for Christ
Masonic Auditorium
Miami, Florida

Gospel Messenger Itinerary

- Saturday, April 3—7:30 p.m.
Memorial Union Church
Unicoi, Tennessee
- Sunday, April 4—9:45 a.m.
Temple Baptist Church
Asheville, North Carolina
- Sunday, April 4—p.m.
Emmanuel Baptist Church
Hendersonville, North Carolina
- Monday, April 5
OPEN
- Tuesday, April 6—7:30 p.m.
Glendon Christian Church
Glendon, North Carolina
- Wednesday, April 7
OPEN
- Thursday, April 8—7:30 p.m.
Bible Fellowship Church
Sumter, South Carolina
- Friday, April 9—7:30 p.m.
South Main Street Baptist Church
Greenwood, South Carolina
- Saturday, April 10
OPEN
- Sunday, April 11—11:00 a.m.
Crawford Avenue Baptist Church
Augusta, Georgia
- Sunday, April 11
p.m. OPEN
- Sunday, April 11—11:00 a.m.
Sylvania Heights Baptist Church
Miami, Florida
- Sunday, April 11—7:30 p.m.
Calvary Church
Miami, Florida



Ray Childress '55, alumni president, is shown standing at the dinner table in the Daytona Restaurant as he presented the devotional message to open the Alumni Leadership Conference held at Bryan February 12-13.

BRYAN TRUSTEE HONORED

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ice in eastern Kentucky.

The celebration was in the nature of a worship service at the Hyden Presbyterian Church followed by a reception attended by a large and representative group of citizens from many places. The sermon was given by Rev. Henry Geiger, of Livingston, Tenn.

At the reception, it was announced that the Leslie County Public Library was being renamed for Miss Huston in recognition of her long-standing promotion of good reading and library services. She was presented a gift book containing a list of all guests registering for the occasion and a scrapbook with messages of felicitation from those not able to attend. She was presented also a beautiful handwoven coverlet and matching dresser runner. These seemed to symbolize the affection and appreciation of the people among whom she had lived and worked.

After leaving finishing school, Miss Huston spent some time in travel and in society life. In 1924 she went out to Kentucky for a year that lengthened into forty years. Many of her experiences are recorded in her recent book, *God's Timing*, which she wrote for her mountain friends. The warmth of spirit of the celebration of November 29 was impressive in its testimony of the esteem with which she and her work are regarded.

Miss Huston's great-great grandfather founded the business which is now known as the Lukens Steel Company, of which she is a director. Although Miss Huston has relinquished her full-time ministry in Kentucky, she maintains her home in Hyden and still participates from time to time in the activities of the Scripture Memory Mountain Mission, which was founded by the Rev. Garland Franklin, and of which she is still a member. At present she is engaged in writing, looking toward the publication of another book.

Campus Activities in Review

Bible Conference

The annual Bible conference of Jan. 31-Feb. 5 was rated as outstanding in an evaluation made by students and faculty. The messages were brought by Dr. Malcolm Cronk, pastor of Wheaton (Ill.) Bible Church and the music was directed by Mr. and Mrs. Homer Phillips, well-known musicians of Washington, D. C. New features of this year's conference included a 9:00 A.M. breakfast with brief presentations of music and Scripture by the conference leaders and discussion meetings following the evening service in faculty homes and at the college.

Student Guest Weekend

The student guest weekend of February 12-14 attracted a capacity response of 126 prospective students from 13 states as follows: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, South Carolina, Virginia, and Tennessee.

The weekend opened with a Meet-the-Teachers session on Friday evening and concluded with dinner on Sunday.

The activities of this annual event were directed by Miss Zelpha Russell, director of admissions.

Alumni Development Workshop

Forty alumni leaders representing ten states attended the February 12-13 development workshop sponsored jointly by the alumni and development offices. Under the direction of Lloyd Wagnon, the college development counselor, Col. F. J. Goatley, field representative, and E. M. Steele, director of public relations, the workshop was devoted to the "how" of the development program, in which the alumni are cooperating for their annual giving project.

Those attending the conference were: Florida—John Rynders, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith; Georgia—Walter Culbertson, Pat Darulla, Kirby Heglar, and Leslie Stone; Illinois—Mr. and Mrs. Earl Peck; Indiana—Rev. and Mrs. Virgil Sorge, Ralph Hayes; Kentucky — Rev. Ray Childress, alumni president, and Miss Sandra Sorrell; Michigan—Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Samuelson, Jr., Wayne Bomgaars, Larry Bail; Ohio—James Barth, Mr. and Mrs. David Marsteller, Kent Juillard; Pennsylvania—Rev. and Mrs. Royal Grote; and Texas—John Kramer and Bud Schatz.

From the home state of Tennessee were: Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Simmons; Mickey Park, alumni vice-president; Ray Karr; Fred Donehoo; Paul Levensgood; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cornelius; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Beal; Francis Neddo; Mrs. Jane Barnes; and Rebecca Peck, alumni executive secretary.

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